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SHIPPING SERVICE IMPROVES IN EAST AND NORTH CHINA

EAST CHINA SEAMAN'S UNION PLANS ACTIVITY -- Hangchow Chekiang Jih-pac, 31 May 50

Shanghai, 30 May (Hsin-hua) -- The East China District Committee of the All-China Seamen's Union was established at a meeting of the East China District Seamen's representatives held in Shanghai from 22 to 26 May 1950. This committee is to perform the following duties:

1. Organize all members of the Seamen's Union in the East China District in a movement toward the liberation of Taiwan and resume uninterrupted shipping service.
2. Overcome present difficulties of the shipping industry and restoring normal service in North China waters.
3. Promote democratic operation and administration of the state-owned shipping industry, and establish labor-management arbitration committees for privately owned shipping to sign contracts.
4. Organize masters of small wooden boats in the East China District and have them join the Seamen's Union.

SHIPPING SAFE IN YANGTZE RIVER MOUTH -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 31 May 50

Shipping service between Hong Kong and Shanghai, which had been discontinued for the past 6 months, was resumed when two British merchant ships, the Chinan and the Mausang, entered and departed safely from Shanghai. This is an indication that the mouth of the Yangtze River, which was supposedly mined by the Nationalists, is apparently not mined.

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NORTH CHINA SHIPPING SERVICE NORMAL -- Tientsin Jih-pao, 2 Jun 50

Shipping services in North China are now in normal operation. At present, the six shipping routes in North China waters are: Tientsin--Dairen, Dairen--Tsingtao, Tsingtao--Lien-yun, Tientsin--Lung-k'ou, An-tung--Yen-t'ai, and An-tung--Tsingtao. At least one scheduled ship is running on each route.

ALL-CHINA CUSTOMS CONFERENCE CONVENES -- Hong Kong Ta Kung Pao, 21 Jun 50

20 June (Hsin-hua) -- The All-China Customs Conference, called by the Customs Bureau of the Central People's government, is now being held in Peiping. Those attending the conference are representatives of customs bureaus and custom houses throughout China, and various ministries and offices of the Central government.

The main business of the conference is to draft customs regulations, to decide upon the flag and insignia to be used by the custom houses, and to prepare a table of organization for each custom house.

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